Environmental Impact Assessment by Narmada Control Authority

*571. DR. BAPU KALDATE:
SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:

Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Narmada Control Authortiy was given two years time to complete the Environmental Impact Assessment of Sardar Sarovar Project and to formulate Environmental action plan;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the Environmental Impact Assessment is yet to be completed by the Narmada Control Authority;

(c) if so, what are the reasons therefor; and

(d) how Government propose to implement the project like Sardar Sarovar without having an assessment of the negative environmental impact upon the eco-systems?

THE MINISTER OF WATER RESOURCES AND THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) to (c) No, Sir. According to the stipulations laid down by the Union Ministry of Environment and Forests while according the environment clearance to Sardar Sarovar Project in 1987, Narmada Control Authority has to ensure that the environmental safeguard measures are planned and implemented pari-passu with the progress of work on the project. Comprehensive studies of physical, biological and socio-economic components of the environment on the upstream and down-stream and the command area regions of the project have been carried out.

(d) Does not arise.

Financial aid to Educational Institutions for Organising Youth Parliaments

*572. SHRI G. PRATHAPA REDDY:

DR. SHRIKANT RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR:

Will the Minister of PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether any financial aid was given to any educational or other institution for the organization of Youth Parliament competition during the year 1993-94;

(b) if so, what is the financial provision for such schemes for the current year; and

(c) what is being done to encourage such Youth Parliaments?

THE MINISTER OF PARLIAMENTARY AFFAIRS (SHRI VIDYACHARAN SHUKLA): (a) The Ministry of Parliamentary Affffaffirxs does not provide any financial assistance to any individual instiution for the organisation of Youth Parliament Scheme. However, the Ministry provides financial assistance to the State Governments|Union Territory Administration who are implementing the scheme and send a report including a statement of expenditure incurred by them for organising Youth Parliament Competitions. During 1993-94, this Ministry provided financial assistance to the Governments of Rajasthan, Uttar Pradesh and Union Territory of Chandigarh;

(b) Provision has been made in the budget for the scheme but the amount is not specified;

(c) Apart from financial assistance to States|Union Territories, the Central Ministry of Parliamentary Affairs provides free literature|booklet on Conducting Youth Parliament Competitions. The Ministry also imparts training to teachers|officers-in-charge of Youth Parliament activity in Kendriya Vidyalayas|Delhi School|State Governments and organises Orientation Courses for that purpose.